'Glamor Slammer' Is Not

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—They said no one could escape from the new jail at the $47 million Shelby County Justice Center, the sophisticated "Glamor Slammer" that welcomed its first guests less than two months ago.

Tell that to three prisoners who slipped out Friday and were still on the loose over the weekend.

"We are shocked that this could happen," said Chief Deputy B. J. Smith. The jail, boasting private cells, twin gymnasiums and other amenities, was guarded by a system of video cameras and other electronic devices as well as by more than 200 detention specialists.

Police were searching for the three who made their way to freedom through a ceiling crawlspace.

From news services and staff reports